Response to Office Action Mailed December 6, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application and stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the book entitled "NETCENTRIC AND CLIENT/SERVER COMPUTING A PRACTICAL GUIDE" by Mark Goodyear; Hugh W. Ryan; Scott R. Sargent; Stanton J. Taylor; Timothy M. Boudreau; Yannis S. Arvanitis; Richard A. Chang; John K. Kaltenmark; Nancy K. Mullen; Shari L. Dove; Michael C. Davis; John C. Clark; and Craig Mindrum, hereinafter referred to as "The Book." respectfully traverses these rejections, because all of the cited portions of "The Book" are not prior art under 35 USC §102(a).

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.132, enclosed as Exhibit A is a declaration of Applicant Stanton J. Taylor that was executed on February 1, 2005. As indicated in the enclosed declaration, the subject matter claimed in the present application that is described in at least Chapters 17 and 18 of The Book is Mr. Taylor's own work, and not that of others. As further indicated in the enclosed declaration, Mr. Taylor is author of at least Chapter 17 (pages 17-1 through 17-53 and Chapter 18 (pages 18-1 through 18-32) of The Book. Accordingly, Chapters 17 and Chapter 18 of The Book are not prior art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection of Claims 1-41.

Applicant believes that all the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application indicating the same. In the event a telephone conversation would help expedite the prosecution/allowance of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (317) 636-0886.

Respectfully submitted,

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